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Cholera in Bhavani taluk.

* 1063 *Q.*—SRI B. K. NALLASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of cholera attacks for the last three years year-war in Bhavani town and Bhavani taluk, separately;

(*b*) the number of deaths; and

(*c*) the measures the Government envisage to take to stop the occurrence?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—" (*a*) The attacks from cholera during each of the last three years in Bhavani town and Bhavani taluk are as follows:—

		1950.	1951.	1952.
Bhavani taluk	..	205	187	262
Bhavani town	..	34	Nil.	11

" (*b*) The number of deaths from cholera is as follows:—

Bhavani taluk	..	126	103	125
Bhavani town	..	22	Nil.	9

" (*c*) All possible preventive and remedial measures have been taken up. A systematic programme of construction of new wells and deepening of the existing wells for better yield has been carried out in Bhavani taluk under the Rural Water-supply Scheme since the year 1949–50. Besides, construction of latrines to prevent soil and water pollution in the villages is also being pushed on."

Assignment of lands to Scheduled tribes in Panathady, Kasaragod taluk.

* 1064 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total extent of land reserved for assignment to Scheduled tribes (Harijans and Marathis) in Panathady village of Kasaragod taluk in South Kanara district;

(*b*) how many applications the Government have so far received for assignment and how many have been assigned lands;

(*c*) what is the extent of land assigned per head;

(*d*) whether there are any persons other than Scheduled Tribes who have occupied the land by trespass;

(*e*) if so, what action has been taken to evict them; and

(*f*) how many of the Scheduled Tribes who have occupied the land have not yet been assigned lands and the reasons for the non-assignment?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—
" (*a*) 1,755·73 acres.

" (*b*) So far 162 applications have been received and 20 persons have been assigned land.

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"(c) Individual assignment varies from ½ to 6½ acres.

"(d) Some Muslims have encroached on a small extent by trespass.

"(e) Action is being taken under the Land Encroachment Act to evict them.

"(f) There are 79 members of Scheduled Tribes who have occupied land without assignment being made in their favour. The land, being a large hill-block, the Revenue Inspectors and Taluk Surveyors found it difficult to subdivide the plot. The Government have therefore sanctioned a post of Special Surveyor exclusively for attending to this work. Assignments will be made as soon as the block is split up and the encroachers are evicted."

Channel from the North Bank Canal, Tiruchirappalli district.

* 1065 *Q.*—SRI N. RAJAGOPAL: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is a proposal with the Public Works Department River Conservancy, Tiruchirappalli district to investigate the possibility of taking a channel from the North Bank Canal at the point of off-take of the present Thottiam Chinnavoikkal;

(b) the stage at which the investigation of the said proposal stands; and

(c) whether the Government propose to take it up during the current year?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI:—"(a) The answer is in the negative.

"(b) & (c) Do not arise."

Harijan elementary schools in certain villages of South Kanara.

* 1066 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether there was a proposal to open Harijan Welfare elementary schools at (1) Panathur in Panathady village, (2) Chalangal in Pullur village and (3) Eleri in Eleri village; and

(b) if so, at what stage the matter is?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—"(a) Yes.

"(b) The proposals have been deferred."

Return of the son of Syed Fazal to Malabar district.

* 1067 *Q.*—SRI C. AHMED KUTTI: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state whether the Government of India have sought the opinion of the State Government regarding the return of the son of Syed Fazal (heirs of Mampram Mosque and properties in Ernad taluk) to Malabar district, and if so, what was the reply given by the State Government?